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## MOTIVATION TO DOWNGRADE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO BASIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS IN TERMS OF SECTION 20(4) OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 107 of 1998) FOR HENDRINA POWER STATION (ESKOM) REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.

The Department confirms having received a motivation request to downgrade from the Environmental Impact Assessment Process to Basic Assessment Process on 08 April 2011 from Eskom drafted by Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd.

Subsequent to the perusal of the motivation made in terms of section 20(4) of NEMA, 1998, the Department is satisfied that the information required for the process could also be sufficiently provided through the Basic Assessment process and the proposed downgrade will not in any way compromise the information requirement with regard to this project. Furthermore, the plant would be relatively small; approximately 5 000m<sup>2</sup> and 480m<sup>2</sup> and will be located within the disturbed power station precinct.

Consequently, the Department, in terms of section 20(4) of NEMA, 1998 accordingly made the following decision:

Accept and approve the request to downgrade from EIA process to Basic Assessment process for the "Proposed construction and operation of Hendrina Power Station Reverse Osmosis Plant" in Mpumalanga Province.



You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to waste management licence being issued by the Department.

Yours faithfully

  
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